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OF DEVELOPMENT

REF: KUWAIT 1457 AND 0167; BEIRUT 14671, DEC. 9, 1974

RCAA MET BY CHANCE WITH KUWAIT AIRWAYS CHAIRMAN
FEISAL FULAIJ BEIRUT AIRPORT MAY 13 WHO INDICATES
FOLLOWING: A) AIRLINE ESTABLISHED RECORD PROFIT
4.5 MILLION DINARS (APPROXIMATELY \$15 MILLION U.S.)
FOR YEAR-ENDING DEC. 31, 1974. B) KUWAIT AIRWAYS HAS
TAKEN DELIVERY IN APRIL OF USED BOEING 707-321C ACQUIRED
FROM PAN AMERICAN, VALUED AT \$7 MILLION INCLUDING
SPARES. AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN OVERHAULED AND MODIFIED
TO KUWAIT AIRWAYS 707-366C STANDARD AND ENTERS
SCHEDULED SERVICE THIS MONTH. C) AIRLINES WIDEBODIED
DECISION (THREE AIRCRAFT) AWAIT PARLIAMENT ACTION
TO LIFT BAN ON SERVING ALCOHOLIC DRINKS ON BOARD
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KUWAIT AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT. FULAIJ FEARS LIQUOR BAN WOULD

INHIBIT OPTIMUM LOAD FACTORS ON WIDEBODIED AIRCRAFT
VIS-A-VIS COMPETING AIRLINES. D) BOEING
ADVANCED 737-269 TWINJET RECENTLY ORDERED BY AIRLINE
AS VIP AIRCRAFT FOR RULER (KUWAIT 1457) VALUED AT
\$10-12 MILLION (INCLUDING SPECIALIZED VIP EQUIPMENT
AND FITTINGS) ACCORDING FULAIJ. HE ALSO STATES HIS
AIRLINE MAY USE THE NEW TWINJET WHEN NOT REQUIRED BY
RULER AND ENTOURAGE. E) AIRLINE'S FLEET NOW CONSISTS
OF FIVE 707-369C'S, ONE 707-321C, WITH THE ADVANCED
737-269 DUE FOR DELIVERY FEBRUARY 1976.
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